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The Unfortunate Golladay Between Two Fires.

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Special Despatch to The Chicago Tribune.

WASHINGTON, March 6.

PACIFIC RAILROAD MATTERS.

Both Railroad Committees of Congress have again in order to report in favor of a bill giving the Central Branch of the Union Pacific an extension from its present terminus, at Walworth, Kas., 10 miles further west, and to make the end of the Union Pacific at a point due west of the one hundredth meridian. The measure is in the nature of a bill declaring what amendments shall be given to enable the company to issue bonds and build the road, and the last section of it requires the company to file a written relinquishment of all claim against the Government. The road runs westerly from Atchison toward the interior of Kansas, and the Committees believe it has connection with the main line. The bill provides a land grant, but somewhat revised when gross earn, having been made by the contractor of the road.

A slight mistake frequently changes the whole aspect of affairs, or, as in a case recorded in the life of the first consul in Napoleon's time, the whole situation. Napoleon was going to the play the very night of the 24th December, when a conspiracy was on foot to blow him up with a barrel of gunpowder. Unfortunately, the good Empress Josephine was not either very well or very much inclined to go out on account of the inclemency of the weather, and Napoleon, who was very fond of her, was persuaded to remain with her at the Tuileries instead of going to the play. The barrel of gunpowder was duly exploded, but, as it happened, not under the right carriage, and the only victims were a few innocent bystanders.—*London Correspondence New York Times.*

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THE MISSING CITY OF BOSTON.

The Captain of the ship Greyhound, which arrived at this port from Honolulu, reports that on the 9th of February, about 300 miles from the Azores Islands, he saw a steamer heading east under sail and steam, apparently about her size, and says it was in fair of the Territorial project, but would amend the bill so as to fix the time on admission, provides not only the newspaper branch of the Legislative Assembly be elective, gets the appointment of Governor and upper branch to the President, put all the streets in the control of the new government, compel the United States to pay a tax on its property, and do away with the whole system of relief bills for the city and district.

CAPTAIN HALL'S LECTURE.

on Saturday evening, on Arctic Explorations, drew out a very large audience. The President, Vice Presidents, Chief Justice, Secretaries Cox and Belknap, and many members of Congress were present. Captain Hall is confident that great commercial advantages will result from further explorations near the North Pole, and that if parties going out will use as the Esquimaux do, as what the country produces, they can travel without dar ger of scurvy. He lived so during his exposure, and is evidently herein all the white. He wants Congress to appropriate $100,000, to be expended by the President or a commission, and he would make a third voyage of a scientific and commercial character, and a bill in this interest will probably be introduced this week.

THE SALARY GRAB.

Special despatches from Richmond don't speak favorably of the progress of the Legislature in repealing the salary grab act. Many members of the House have declared that they would be willing to vote for the repeal if they could be assured that the Senate would do the same thing, but they have not been given that assurance, and they say they will not vote to repeal unless they are assured that the Senate will do so. The Senate, however, will not consent to act at the present session, and it is regarded as certain that the House will not repeal the law. The Governor has been urged to call an extra session of the Legislature for the purpose of repealing the law, but he declines to do so. The impression here is that the salary grab will not be repealed, and that the Legislature will adjourn without doing anything in the matter.

THE CANDIDATE FEVER.

General Schofield is here in advance of the arrival of Logan's command, to testify in Belknap's case. The testimony is not yet in full, and will not be, however, is not material. The following amusing testimony was given in regard to Rhoads, member from Cincinnati, who is a candidate for Governor of three of five from Smyrna; a New York Jew who was in the room when Belknap was offered $25,000 for the post-tradership at Fort Sill, and two others. Rhoads was given twenty minutes to get a dozen witnesses to swear that he was in the room when Belknap was offered the money, but he could only get one, who said he was in the room for twenty minutes, and that he was not present when the bribe was offered. Rhoads is the Democratic candidate for Governor, and is a member of the Ohio Legislature.—*London Correspondence New York Times.*

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The Maniacs, the Human Fish.

To believers in the Darwin theory it will not be surprising to learn that in the quiet hops and rivers of the northern coast of California, and about Puget Sound, there is found a species which, except for rigidity of the spine, is a fish in every respect. It has the gills, the fins, the tail, the scales, and the cold blood of a fish. In the summer, the water grows warm, and the fish-men, or men-fish, as they are called, go into the bays to recruit. Indians call them Hoo-Hoos, and believe that they are the souls of departed medicine men, who have grown older water, or no hero which is not a fish.

Physically in question, and, descended as some now-existing Indians are from the fish-men, they have a right to call many of the latter their cousins, and he had a right to call many in that if he chose. The upper part of the body is that of a man, the lower that of a fish. Between the two there is a short neck, if only and the gills are distinctly seen, and the fins, which are commonly known as the pectoral fins, are found in the usual position. The tail is that of a fish, and is a beautiful specimen, with a splendid sweep. The scales are small, and are covered with a thick coating of slime. The color of the fish-men is a dark olive green, with a tinge of red. The eyes are round and full, and the mouth is large, with thick lips. The teeth are small and regular, and are covered with a thick coating of slime. The color of the fish-men is a dark olive green, with a tinge of red. The eyes are round and full, and the mouth is large, with thick lips. The teeth are small and regular, and are covered with a thick coating of slime.

THEATRICAL ENTERTAINMENT.

J. S. Dobie's "a Member of Congress."

From the Full Text Authority.

Mr. Dobie's new play, which was brought out at Wood's Museum last night, is a comedy of the most pronounced character, and is in many respects a very clever piece of work. The author has taken the figure of Senator Sharon, of Nevada, and has made him the basis of his character, and has made him the basis of his character, and has made him the basis of his character

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THE GOLD-HOARDING POLICY.

The Secretary of the Treasury, in his statement of the affairs of the Treasury, calls attention to the fact that, since March 1, 1869, the public debt has been reduced $97,184,788, or at an average rate of $7,267,232 per month. Secretary McCulloch, in his report of December 1, 1868, showed that the debt, funded and unfunded, had been reduced, between the 1st of April, 1865, and the 1st of December, 1868 (forty-four months), $519,650,650, or at the rate of $11,810,242 per month. The rate of taxation, however, was considerably higher during the term of office than during Mr. Boutwell's.

During all this time there has been no direct effort on the part of the government to resume specie payments; yet, partly through the reorganization of industry at the South, and partly through the restoration of peace, and partly through the reduction of the interest-bearing debt, the premium on gold has got down to about 13 per cent, and the financial ebbs of the government are worth 86¢ more to the dollar. There is no reason why they should not be worth 100 cents. The Secretary of the Treasury can now on hand, and has had for a year, $60,000,000 of the gold, which, for all practical purposes, might just as well be in the lodges of Montana and Colorado as in the Treasury vaults. This gold is so much capital withdrawn from active use, and so held by a government which is paying large rates of interest on a debt that it has the option to redeem at par and the power to buy at less than par. With $60,000,000 of gold the Secretary might buy $63,000,000 of 5-20 bonds, and stop nearly $4,000,000 of gold-interest per annum, and, by the same motion, resume specie payments, and thereby add $200,000,000 to the circulating capital of the country by converting the existing stock of the precious metals, which are now a commodity, into money. Furthermore, the government would at once be able to negotiate a new loan at a lower rate of interest; for the only obstacle to such a proceeding now is the fact that our demand notes are below par.

We respectfully suggest, now that gold has risen and formed down in spite of the hoarding policy of the Treasury Department, that the time has come when some attention is due from the government to its demand obligations—to its over-due paper, which is held by the people. There are $356,000,000 of these notes in circulation, now worth 86¢ cents on the dollar. The Treasury Department is the principal "bull" in the gold market today. Not all the other bulls combined could force $60,000,000 locked up. They only the fact that it is worth more than the saving premium on gold and the existing depreciation of greenbacks. General Garfield proposes to enact penal laws which will have the effect to shut up the Gold-Room, and send the gold gamblers about their business to jail. He can shut it up, and send the gold gamblers about their business by simply passing a law directing the Secretary of the Treasury to sell his surplus coin and invest it in 5-20 bonds.

While the Secretary is fiddling over his imaginary sinking fund, and exchanging telegrams with European brokers who are looking out for commissions for doing work which the Department ought to do itself, he is permitting $356,000,000 of onerous, protested paper of the government to be hawked about the market by gamblers and speculators. In fact, instead of doing what he ought to put that paper at par (it is worth more quite advantageously), he is, by his plan of hoarding gold, keeping a thousand notes depreciated, and every gain that it made in it goes to the efforts of the contrary. The Secretary of the Treasury since between gold and greenbacks he extinguished, so it may be in a fortnight, and the national credit will stand so fair, and be so cleared of the present reproach with which it is stamped by this protested paper, that there will be no difficulty in refunding all of our 5-20 bonds at a lower rate of interest; but, until these demand obligations are protested, and provided for, and made equal to coin, all talk about a lower rate of interest is mere moonshine.

GEORGIA IN BONDS.

The bill proposed by General Butler to prolong the existence of the State of Georgia in the hands of Governor Bullock and the present Legislature, will not meet the approval of the country, and we can hardly account for the degree of support it seems to find in the Senate of Republicans in the House. We look to the Senate to defeat it without doubt, whatever the action of the House may be. It will be remembered that the House has already been called upon to take a questionable and unprecedented course in expelling the delegation from Georgia after an act had been passed re-admitting that State, and after a portion of its delegation had taken their seats in the House. Such action was excused by the terms of the Legislature of Georgia in expelling its colored members. But, at least, showed precipitancy and want of due consideration in the House, that it should be obliged in this manner to retrace its own action, and remand a State to its Provisional Government, whose Representatives had, in part, already been sworn in as members of Congress. Such precedents are dangerous, and, as far as possible, should be avoided.

After once remanding the State to its provisional form—after seeing the old Legislature reassembled, the colored members restored to seats in that body, the members who could not take the test oath expelled, it is now proposed by General Butler to take the State over the next election under its present officers, so as to secure two years more of so-called Republican ascendancy. On behalf of the Republican party, we object to any such dirty proceeding. If the people of Georgia want Republican officers, let them elect them. If they want Democrats or alligators in their State offices, let them elect them. We have now arrived at a stage in the work of reconstruction where the past is absolutely irrevocable. The Fifteenth Amendment will be prohibited from action of the Provisional Government, acting for the U. S.—Georgia and Texas,—are readmitted. Not only is liberty secure, but universal suffrage will be thereby made secure. This obtained, the warrant for holding any Southern State in shackles ends, and the future management of those States by Congress becomes a wrong and an outrage, as promptly to be resisted and guarded against by the whole power of the country as the further enslavement of the African portion of their citizens. Individual rights being secure, and the sovereignty of the nation being established, those rights must now come in for their proper share of protection. We hope Congress will recognize this fact by admitting Georgia promptly without Reinhelmer. No paltry quibble they can impose upon the action of her people will serve the basis of equal rights at all, especially when they would thereby delay the admission of the State and the proclamation of universal suffrage, which will be the case as soon as Georgia and Texas are admitted, and not before.

We publish this morning certain dispatches that have passed between Lieutenant-General Sheridan and General Sherman, concerning Colonel Baker's late attack on the Piegan Indians in Montana. General Sheridan has come forthly and truthfully out in the matter, and the question to be decided with respect to the wild tribes of Indians is whether they shall be killed, or be left as settlers and pioneers. No less than 600 white men, women and children, have been murdered, scalped, ravished, and tortured by the Piegan Indians, and the Indians in the United States number more than 1862, within the limits of General Sheridan's present command. And yet, whenever a murderous fray and slaughtering band is brought to book, or who that has a tribe a few months ago, enters gang up from the Indian tribes and whiskey-sellers, which [illegible]

straightway school by self-seeking people who know nothing else to the fact, in behalf of the "noble red man of the forest," of course, to intimidate the officers charged with the duty of protecting the Indians, and, to that extent, exposing the settlements to future ravages.

It is not to be supposed that Colonel Baker murdered one hundred and eighty-six men in midwinter, the mercury in the thermometer falling four degrees below zero a portion of the time, during fun of the thing, or because of his much desired exercise. Such slaughters are not endured without cause, or for a mere love of slaughter. There is neither glory nor prize-money to be obtained in fighting Indians. Colonel Baker and his men deserve the thanks of the public for the signal and exemplary chastisement they have inflicted upon those barbarians, and we hope the commanding officer may be honored for the efficiency with which he did his work.

UNCLAIMED BANK DEPOSITS.

The unclaimed deposits in the New York savings and other banks, principally in the former, have, for several years, presented a very serious question of right of law, and of expediency. The amount of these, which, from the great lapse of time since the deposits have been heard from, it is now certain will never be drawn, exceeds $5,000,000. A bill has been introduced in the Legislature proposing to apply this sum toward building the new Capitol at Albany. Several bills have, at various times, been brought forward proposing to apply it on account of the State debt. The New York *Times*, with trades imagination, scouts these propositions, which are, indeed, in spite of the law on their side, and proposed that they be divided as profits among the other depositors and the stockholders of the banks, a scheme which would evidently end in the wholly unwarranted appropriation of the funds by the owners of the banks themselves. A suit was recently brought on behalf of the State of Pennsylvania, without, we believe, any special enactment to justify it, claiming that, under the general and common law of England and America, escheat to the property of persons dying intestate and without heirs, these deposits belonged to the State. There are, however, three unfortunately absent links in the chain of proof necessary to give the State a title to these funds under the general laws of escheat and forfeiture. It cannot be proven that their owners are dead, still less that they died, as Mrs. Partington remarked, "detested and against their will." It is only known that many of them were deposited from ten to thirty years ago, and that funds not called for in five years are very rarely called for at all. The same question has arisen in the other States, in all of which these deposits are accumulating, and has sometimes been brought to light in a more interesting form. The Bank of England, by the ingenious swindling plans which have been resorted to, at various times, to find out what funds are unclaimed, and to personate the owners and draw the money.

Our National Government succeed that such funds belonged to the government, by enacting in the Banking act that in the analogous case of destroyed and lost National Bank notes, the proofs thereof should accrue to the Treasury. It has already been the law, common, for ages, to all countries, that property left at death without heirs or a will belonged to the State. The objection that this cannot be done in a republic is no force whatever, since it is only the fact that it is known that the estate is to be lost that gives any right even to consider. Issues what shall be done with the funds. And if, in order to make it right to dispose of them at all, we must assume that their owners died without heirs or wife; the same assumption must be made good enough to govern the mode of disposing of them. The marine savings banks, in which the deposits of sailors are largest, have the largest proportion of unclaimed deposits. The inference is irresistible that the owners have died at sea, or in foreign lands, without known heirs. All rights to hold property in private come from the State and its laws, as their source; and especially do all laws regulate the succession of one's property after his death whether by will or by law, derive their origin from the State. What the State confers it can, of course, withhold; and there have been in the United States quite a number in which there was no right whatever in any man to devise property after his death or in his heirs to succeed to it by law at property. The Commonwealth of Massachusetts, since her infancy, has refused to proceed to the State. Such, we believe, were Penn and Mexico in the period of the Incas and the Aztecs. And still other less advanced communities have recognized no right of private property whatever; but, in life or death, all property was for public use, except while it was in the actual possession of one. The theory of the feudal system was that all property belonged to the sovereign and was held by the people as tenants; and that present law has grown out of this doctrine, both as to real and personal property, in the right of eminent domain, the meaning of which is that the rights of all owners in their private property are subordinate to the right of the State to take it if it wants it. On the basis, then, of the more the question is canvassed, the more plainly must it appear that the funds in question are to be disposed of by the State as it sees fit, and that the State has no right whatever to the funds in any way which it is deposited, their stockholders, or depositors, than to give them an equal sum of money out of the State Treasury. Special enactment to define the length of time beyond which the depositors should be presumed to be dead would be necessary. But this is in the nature of a definition, rather than an enactment, the funds being already virtually deposits owned by the State, and of which the bank can never become more than the Trustee. The principle of law applicable to trusts is, that the Trustee shall not acquire any interest in the property of his *cestuique trust*. This would, in itself, preclude the banks from making any claim in the premises.

A LAND GRANT TO A WATER PRIVILEGE.

One of the California Senators has introduced a bill into Congress granting alternate sections of land, for a width of forty miles, to aid a hydraulic company to carry the water of Lake Tahoe and the Truckee River to that city. In other words, it proposes that Congress shall appropriate public property to enable a private corporation in California to supply San Francisco with water. The city of Chicago has at an expense of $3,000,000, secured a supply of pure water, and is now, at an expense of $1,500,000 more, about to extend that supply to her suburbs. One of the worst evils that can befall a community is that of absentee-taxing. San Francisco already better supplied with water than most cities of its size; but, if the case were otherwise, absentee is no part of the legitimate business of the National Government.

For this reason we trust that Congress should reject every bill and every estimate before it for the expenditure of money, or the donation of land or other property, for any other than national purposes. There is nothing more paralyzing to enterprise and industry as an expectation of getting money out of the Treasury. It is like waiting a whole lifetime expecting to draw a prize in the lottery. If each State and locality could insist upon a reduction of national taxes to the lowest sum needed for the indispensable service of the government, and if all the bounties and donations, direct and indirect, now given to monopolies, were cut off and abolished, the people would have the use of their own money to provide themselves with water, and even with railroads, without government aid.

Lake Tahoe is situated on the boundary line of California and Nevada, being partly in the one State and partly in the other. It is about seven thousand feet above the sea level, and is twenty-five miles long by fifteen miles wide. Its extreme depth has not been accurately ascertained, but it is known to be more than fifteen hundred feet in some places. The Truckee River is its only outlet. This delicious and beautiful stream flows westwardly into the State of Nevada, and empties into Pyramid Lake, about one hundred and fifty miles from Lake Tahoe. Pyramid Lake has no outlet, and is hemmed in sometimes called the "dish" of the Truckee. This river pours a large volume of soft, pure water at a galloping rate from Lake Tahoe into and through the Truckee Meadows, which, further regarded as an object of liberal bounty or as a source of fertility and power, the Truckee is the very gem of Nevada. It is, indeed, the only fine thing in the whole available water power on it in on fifty rivers like the Merrimac, Connecticut, etc.

Accordingly, the Virginia City *Enterprise*, noticing the movement to tap Lake Tahoe at the other end and drain it toward San Francisco, advises the corporation which may come to take the scheme, to "look after the interests of home consumers of water." It says that the number will be needed to overcome the ruinous of the people of Nevada to the "proposed robbery." So it appears that the bill in Congress is not merely to grant a portion of the public domain to supply San Francisco with water, but to enable a private company in California to steal a river.

A DOCUMENT OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

A document of the House of Representatives, now before us, shows that Mr. Jesse Hodgett, who goes to Washington as the representative, *par excellence*, of Georgia Unionism, to contest the seat of Joshua Hill in the United States Senate, served twelve months in the rebel army. Mr. Hodgett himself testifies, under oath, that he enlisted for twelve monthly service in that army, but that he only served six months. His excuse is that his property was liable to be confiscated, and himself and family were exposed to dangers from the rebel populace, which could only be averted by his enlisting in the Confederate service. Supposing all that Mr. Hodgett says to be true, how does it make him superior to Joshua Hill, who was exempt on the same dangers as Mr. Hodgett, and yet never found it necessary to take up arms against the United States?

The city of Cleveland seems to be badly troubled with barnacles. A Citizens' Committee has published, and the Cleveland *Herald* endorses, a statement that the municipal taxes have increased seven-fold in ten years, viz.: from $160,850 in the year 1860, to $1,029,250 in the year 1869, exclusive of special assessments, and that the debt of the city now amounts to $2,500,000. The valuation of the taxable property is $36,462,967, and the rate of tax, 194 mills. The total tax is equal to $16 per head for each man, woman, and child in the city.

THE NORTHWEST.

ILLINOIS.

D. S. Porter, Pastmaster of Kankakee, shot 45 yesterday night, of intoxication.

Mr. Hoffman, of Ottawa, on the 5th of April, on a proposition to abandon township organization.

The Citizens' General contains an account of the receipts, near that place, a few days since, of Stephen Brooks, who was indicted for the murder of Wm. Ayers, in Kankakee, over a year ago, and the account from the County Jail before the time appointed for his trial.

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IOWA.

The Poweshiek *Herald* says: "Mr. B. H. Pleogh showed us yesterday the skin of an animal he had killed on his place the day before. It had the form and color of the fox, but was as large as a deer. Evidently it was a cross between the two."

Mr. Wheeler, of Jefferson county, shot 11 rats the other night, within the compass of a few hours, without leaving the house, and in the length and fierceness we have ever seen in a hound or cur dog. Mr. Wheeler's dog, during his hunting for friend Pleogh's young pigs proved a valuable acquisition. When discovered proving around the premises, he was ordered to the barn, where he showed Satan with a spunk anything but worthy, until they dispatched with a club."

A few days since, Mr. Tarwerville in the house of the Torrey family, well known among the old settlers of Clayton County. Under that one roof are living at this time four generations—the great-grand-father, great-father, father and son. The great-grand-father, Mr. Torrey, is 91 years of age, and the youngest from the County Jail before the time appointed for his trial.

SPRINGFIELD.

FOREIGN.

THE CONVENTION.

MONTANA AND COLORADO.

HEAVY DEFALCATION.

THE COURTS.

Alleged Extensive Frauds by an Old Resident of Washington, D. C.

Decisions Decided Under the Bankrupt Law—Real Estate Cases.

Fate of a Straw Bailee.

Superior Court.
IN CHANCERY.
AN UNFORTUNATE AQUARIUMIST.
Bullen Summons and others, bona et mala nomine F. Gutmann, v. John P. Cullen and wife.

This was a bill filed to obtain a decree setting aside a deed of trust executed by complainant and Jos. Bond to Louis Bond, dated Feb. 12, Book 33; Lots 13, 14, 15 and 16, Block 2; Lots 15, 16 and 18, Block 3; Lots 10, 14, 15 and Block 10; Lots 5, 6, 8 and 9, Block 11; Lots 4 and 6, Block 12; Lots 11, 14 and 15, Block 19; of Bonds; 14 and 15; Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 13, 14, 15 and 16, Block 20; part of lot 17 in the subdivision of the west thirty-five acres of the north seventy acres, and ninety acres of Section 31, 40, 14, east of the Third Principal Meridian, to secure the payment of a promissory note for $1,000, dated Feb. 12, 1869, payable to Louis Bond, on demand, with interest at 10 per cent per annum, and to secure the payment of a